

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: On February 17, the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3058, Anti-Atrocity Alien Deportation Act; and H.R. 2883, Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Foley; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Gerri Ratliff, Director, Business Process and Re-engineering Services and Acting Director, Office of Congressional Relations, Immigration and Naturalization Service; and James Castello, Associate Deputy Attorney General; Edward A. Betancourt, Director, Office of Policy Review and Interagency Liaison, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: On February 17, the Committee held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

PATIENT RECORDS CONFIDENTIALITY

Committee on Ways and Means: On February 17, the Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Confidentiality of Patient Records. Testimony was heard from Margaret Hamburg, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CHILD PROTECTION REVIEW SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: On February 17, the Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Child Protection Review System. Testimony was heard from Representative Greenwood; Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

RUSSIA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): On Thursday, February 17, commission concluded hearings to examine the current status of religious liberty in Russia, focusing on minority religious group harassment, after receiving testimony from Robert Seiple, Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State; Anatoly Krasikov, International Religious Liberty Association, Moscow, Russia; Pastor Igor Nikitin, Union of Christians, St. Petersburg, Russia; Rabbi Levi Shemtov, American Friends of Lubavitch,

Washington, D.C.; and Father Leonid Kishkovsky, Seacliff, New Jersey.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D100)

H.R. 2130, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to direct the emergency scheduling of gamma hydroxybutyric acid, to provide for a national awareness campaign. Signed February 18, 2000. (P.L. 106-172)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 23 through February 26, 2000

Senate Chamber

To be announced.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: February 23, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with water quality, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: February 23, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

February 24, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed supplemental appropriations for fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 for foreign assistance to Colombia, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

February 24, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Commerce, 11 a.m., SD-138.

February 24, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on safety initiatives, 11 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: February 23, to hold closed hearings on issues dealing with the situation in Kosovo, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

February 24, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention within DOD and the Military Services, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 23, to hold oversight hearings on the Monetary Policy Report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, 10 a.m., SH-216.

February 24, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on HUD's Community Builders' Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

February 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Kathryn Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be a